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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
 Petter TUVNES et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
 Serial No. [NEW] : Docket No. 2002-0441A  
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 METHOD AND USE OF CALCIUM :  
 NITRATE FOR FOAMING OF STEEL- :  
 MAKING SLAGS :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claim 5 as follows:*

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the ratio between calcium nitrate and carbon is in the range from 4:1 to 2:1.

*Please add the following new claims:*

9. (New) Method according to claim 2, wherein the ratio between calcium nitrate and carbon is in the range from 4:1 to 2:1.

10. (New) Method according to claim 3, wherein the ratio between calcium nitrate and carbon is in the range from 4:1 to 2:1.